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Mr. Jeff Ottesen, Chief of Statewide Planning
Division of Statewide Planning
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Dear Mr. Ottesen:

The community of Ivanof Bay and Bayview, Inc.-the Ivanof Bay village corporation—are seeking to construct a road from Ivanof Bay proper to an existing airfield located at Stepovak Bay. The Stepovak Airport is owned by Bayview, Inc. The airfield is approximately 5,000 feet long by 170 feet wide. It is located about 10 miles from Ivanof Bay.

We are happy that you are re-evaluating the state's 20-year transportation plan for Southwest Alaska. A road to the Stepovak Airport not only would benefit the residents of Ivanof Bay and Perryville, but it will also benefit the other communities on the Pacific side of the lower Alaska Peninsula. Travel to our communities is difficult and often dangerous. Adverse weather is always a major transportation factor on the Alaska Peninsula-access to the large, all-weather airfield at Stepovak will improve flight safety and will encourage regional economic development.

Alfred Kalmakoff, President of the Village of Ivanof Bay, wrote you regarding the village council's concerns. I am enclosing the map that Alfred said that he was having sent to you. The map depicts possible routes from Ivanof Bay and Perryville to the Stepovak Airport.

Since it would be beneficial to all, Bayview, Inc., is willing to convey to the State of Alaska title to the Stepovak Airport along with a right-of-way for a road from the village of Ivanof Bay to the field. Making the airfield accessible to the residents of Ivanof Bay and Perryville will improve flight safety and promote economic development in the area.

The Lower Alaska Peninsula Transportation Commission endorses the placement of a road from the communities of Ivanof Bay and Perryville to the Stepovak Airfield into the state transportation plan. As a member of the commission I strongly urge you to place this access road in the state's 20-year transportation plan for our area. Facilities such as Stepovak Airport must be utilized if rural Alaska is to develop.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure